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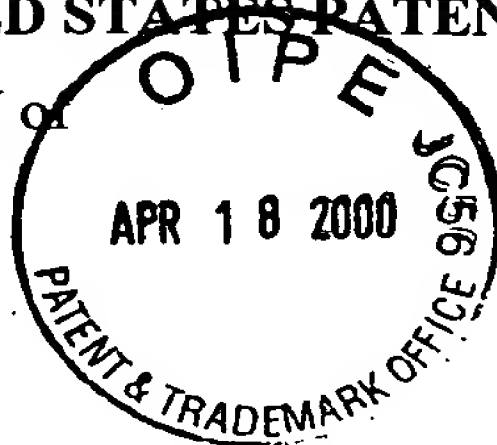
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Sir:

Attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents. These documents were not cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and was not known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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Although it is believed that no fee is required, please charge any deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 20263/256628 for which purpose this paper is submitted in duplicate.

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early Action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

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